

Forest Fires Cut Supply Of Plywood; Prices Hiked

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
At the end of August the worst fires in 50 years in the Pacific Northwest had blackened millions of dollars' worth of timberland, had idled thousands of loggers and had heated up the market for lumber products.

One sharp result: plywood is suddenly growing scarce and prices have considerably strengthened.

In 1966, the collapse of residential construction left the plywood market in trouble. Profits began to fall like tall timber. By the year's end many mills in the Pacific Northwest had to shut down and several went on the block; early this year a few were liquidated. The outlook was dim.

Now the plywood mills are buzzing again.

Granting that fire played a key role in the dramatic turn-about, the industry points to other factors in the improved picture: the expected overall U.S. population increase, the fact that "young marrieds" are continuing their trek to the suburbs in increasing numbers, and a growing affluence all around.

A SELF-propelled space work platform for astronauts based aboard a "mother spaceship" has been designed by the Bendix Corp.'s Missile Systems division in Mishawaka, Ind.

A full-scale mock-up of the space vehicle, prepared under a \$40,000 contract from the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University, which was responsible for the basic concepts, is now being studied by officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Washington.

The EVA (Extra-Vehicular Activity) work platform is designed to help spacemen perform a variety of missions such as inspecting and maintaining orbiting objects, rescuing marooned astronauts, assembling structures in space and transferring objects from one orbit to another or one spacecraft to another.

THE BENDIX EVA is a one-man open platform that allows an astronaut to maneuver through space, anchor the vehicle to other objects in space and perform various tasks with two electrically powered mechanical "hands." It can range a maximum of three nautical miles from the mother ship and carries sufficient oxygen to sustain the astronaut for eight hours.

When a band of hippies invaded the visitors' gallery of the New York Stock Exchange recently and abounded the powered mechanical "hands," trading floor below with dollar bills, it made news. It is not the reason, however, that exchange officials will install a glass partition around the visitors' gallery. As one of the gallery will be will be put up because of "security problems" created by the record amount of visitor traffic, now running at a rate of 400,000 a year. The exchange officer added that the partition had been under study for several years. It will take several weeks to construct.

closed during that time. . . . A Washington, D. C., mother is forming the National Society for Parents of Flower Children. The purpose of the organization is to "better understand the problems and ideals" of hippie offspring.

OWEN VAN BROCKLIN is a photographer who takes pictures of air.

His studio is in the research

Thief Gets \$212 While Dog Barks

While a dog barked persistently for 15 minutes Thursday, a burglar ransacked a bedroom and disappeared with \$212 in cash and jewelry.

Mrs. Louise Sater, 2378 W. 234th St., told police she was working in the yard on the west side of her home about 12:30 p.m. when her dog, who was inside, began to bark loudly.

After repeatedly attempting to hush the dog by calling to him, Mrs. Sater finally went inside and discovered the loss.

facilities of Fluid Power division of Scovill-Schrader in Wake Forest, N. C. His photographic equipment consists of several connected pipes, hoses, valves, cylinders, and a control valve in a system of automated machinery has received its command signal. And the pictures measure this



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terms of PSI—after external pressure - changing signals have been actuated." One example from Owen: "Our Schrader pneumatic systems automate a machine used in aerosol valve assemblies where multi-holed plastic valve assemblies are produced at the rate of 30,000-plus per eight-hour shift. Here, fractions in terms of millionths of an inch in diameter make the difference as to whether the valve will clog or not." Owen didn't have to spell out the fact that a slight deviation in air pressure on this machine could make it pretty hard to work up a lather.

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